

# ABDOMINAL PAIN

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Is patient alert?  
 Is patient breathing normally?  
 Is the pain due to an injury to the patient?  
 Has the patient vomited? If yes, What does the vomit look like?  
 Are the patient's bowel movements different than normal?  
     If yes, How would you describe them?  
 Is the pain above the belly button?  
 If the patient is a woman between 12-50 years, ask Could she be pregnant?  
 Has she said she felt dizzy?  
 Has there been vaginal bleeding? If yes, how much?  
 How does the patient act when he/she sits up?  
 Does the patient have any other medical or surgical history?  
 Is the patient wearing a Medic Alert tag? If yes, what does it say?

## SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.  
 Decreased level of consciousness.  
 Vomiting blood (red/dark red) or coffee ground-like substance.  
 Black tarry stool.(Caution: Could be a resultant from diet supplements)  
 Lower abdominal pain, woman 12-50 years (if associated with  
     dizziness or fainting or heavy vaginal bleeding).  
 Upper abdominal pain with prior history of heart problem.  
 Abdominal pain with fainting or near fainting, patient over 50 yrs.  
 Fainting/near fainting when sitting. (hypotension)

## BLS DISPATCH

Pain with vomiting.  
 Flank pain (Kidney stone).  
 Abdominal (non-traumatic).  
 Pain unspecified

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## Pre-Arrival Instructions

Nothing to eat or drink.

Gather patient medications, if any.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

### Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/ BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL

If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.

### Short Report

Age

Sex

Specific location

Chief complaint

Pertinent related symptoms

Medical/Surgical history, if any

Other agencies responding

Any dangers to responding units